

**REMARKS**

Non-compliant Amendments to the Specification

The Amendment to the Specification was noted as being non-compliant because the amendment to the specification lacked subject matter added to the cited passages of the specification that were added in the amendment of January 11, 1999. The Amendment has been revised to include the missing subject matter.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and all formal matters have been resolved, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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